



CHARTER

NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANEL

PURPOSE

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) is mandated under Section 301 of the Public Health Services (PHS) Act, as amended (42 U.S. Code 241), to make grants-in-aid for research projects relating to health. In addition, Section 487 of the PHS Act, as amended (42 U.S. Code 288) authorizes the support of research and research training through National Research Service Awards.

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Special Emphasis Panel (Panel) provides concept review of proposed contract or grant solicitations and reviews grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals for research projects and for research and training activities in broad areas of complementary and alternative medicine research.

AUTHORITY

42 U.S. Code 282 **(b)(6)**, Section **402(b)(6)** of the PHS Act, as amended. The Panel is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S. Code Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

FUNCTION

The Panel shall advise the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Director of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), regarding concept review, research grant and cooperative agreement applications, and contract proposals relating to all areas of complementary and alternative medicine research.

STRUCTURE

Members and Chairs will be selected on an "as needed" basis in response to specific applications, proposals or proposed solicitations to be reviewed. Members will be selected from outstanding authorities in the various fields of mind-body medicine, alternative medical systems, disease prevention and health promotion, biologically based therapies, manipulative and body-based systems, biofield, bioelectromagnetics, and conventional research methodology.

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Members of chartered NIH advisory committees may **serve** on the Panel if their expertise is **required**.

Management and support services shall be provided by the Office of Administrative Operations, NCCAM.

MEETINGS

Meetings of the Panel will be held as **necessary** as determined by the Designated Federal Official (DFO) who shall also approve the agenda. A Government official shall be present at all meetings.

Meetings **shall** be open to the public unless determined otherwise by the Secretary. Notice of all meetings shall be given to the public.

Meeting shall be conducted and **records of the proceedings kept**, as required by applicable laws and Departmental policies.

COMPENSATION

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$200 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with the standard Federal Travel Regulations. **Members** who are officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on the Panel.

ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE

The estimated annual cost for operating the Panel, including compensation and travel expenses for **members** but excluding **staff** support, is \$200,749. The **estimate** of annual person-years of **staff** support required is 5.0 at an estimated annual cost of \$373,078.

REPORTS

In the event a portion of a meeting is closed to the public, a report shall be prepared which shall contain, at a minimum, a list of **members and** their business addresses, the Panel's functions, dates and places of **meetings**, and a summary of the Panel's activities and recommendations made during the **year**. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Office.

TERMINATION DATE

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APPROVED

5/24/99
Date

Howard Olan
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